

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph before the first sentence of the application at page 1, line 1:

This application is the national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/013983 filed on December 10, 2003, entitled, "Fluidized Bed Method and Plant for the Heat Treatment of Solids Containing Titanium" which claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 102 60 737.0 filed on December 23, 2002.